

**Transcription: Brexit negotiations must begin immediately to avoid uncertainty for Europe: EPP Group Chair Manfred Weber**

A lot of people in Britain voted for Europe, but a majority voted against the European Union, and we respect this outcome. Now it is up to us to not allow any kind of uncertainty. And that means we have to go on with a swift procedure in negotiations. We want to start immediately. On Tuesday, when there is a Council meeting, we want to with the negotiations, with the argument: avoid any kind of uncertainty. At the end, leave means leave. That is what we have to respect, and the people asked for leaving the European Union. We are not accepting any more, any kind of cherry picking from the Brits. They want to leave, we respect this. The EPP Group is strongly convinced about our idea of working together, and finding together, answers for the future in a globalised world. And we will fight for this idea. We will try to convince people. And I'm sure today, in the European Union, the overwhelming majority is in general in favour of this general idea to work together. There is a need of reform. That's clear. So we have to do, after a reflection period, some kind of reform on a European level. But the main idea from us is, let's do together Europe better, and not destroy Europe.